

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## This Week

**Information on individual early Brothers of St. Joseph for posting week by week in 2020.**

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**November 15 – 21** In this month Brother Louis Marchand was born. He drowned while swimming with orphans near Algiers. He was one of the first Brothers in Algeria.

**November 22 – 28** In November, 1835, Brother Leonard Guittoger traveled to Ploërmel to visit the Christian Brothers and study their rules.

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## Peru-Chile District Calendar

The Peru-Chile District publishes a calendar each year. Last month the picture above October was Saint Brother Andre CSC.

This month two other CSC brothers are shown above the month of November. I **(on the left)** am one of the two.



This November photo was taken in front of my bedroom. I cannot remember who took the photo. The other brother, **Ronnie Lenno** is from Brazil and he was visiting us here in Peru.

**Brother John Benesh, C.S.C.**





## Brother John Benesh Celebrates 90th Birthday in Peru

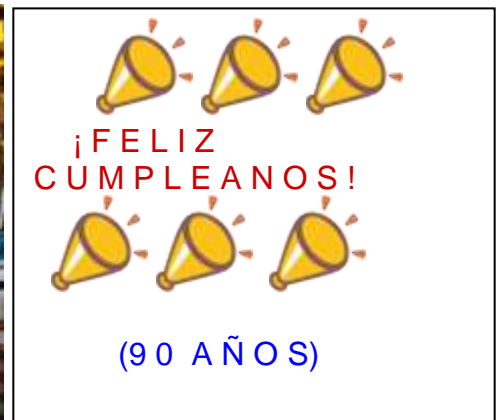
The CSC community in Peru recently gathered at Casa San Jose in San Juan Lurigancho, Lima, Peru, to celebrate the 90th birthday of Hermano Juan. He was presented with a sweater

made of alpaca wool to keep him warm on winter evenings.

Brother John often says he went to Peru for a "three-year" commitment and ended up staying there for more than ten times that long. He has served the people in a variety of ministries as teacher, school principal, novitiate staff, superior and maintenance man. His stained-glass windows and mosaics grace several institutions and chapels.

¡Feliz cumpleaños, Hermano Juan! Y muchos mas.

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## Presidential Challenge a huge success Holy Cross College



**NOTRE DAME, IN (November 20, 2020)** — As Saints, we rise to all challenges and a final 2020 Presidential Challenge was posed by Rev. David T. Tyson, C.S.C., to provide 250 meals to those located at the Center for the Homeless in downtown South Bend. He asked the Holy Cross College community to make a gift of \$2 to provide a hot Thanksgiving meal, including turkey and all the trimmings, to one homeless person. For every dollar raised, he agreed to match it dollar to dollar with a goal of providing 250 meals.

We are proud to announce that the generosity of the college community raised \$1,500, and as promised the president matched it dollar for dollar. Today a check for \$3,000 was presented to the Center for the Homeless to provide 1,500 meals!

“What a great way for the Holy Cross College community to end a challenging semester – providing 1500 Thanksgiving dinners at the Center for the Homeless. Thanks for being an instrument of hope to the most needy,” said Rev. David T. Tyson, C.S.C.

We are the Saints – we are #hocrostrong

## Decorations Begin to Appear Columba Hall, Notre Dame, IN



**Br, Douglas picking out more ornaments for the Christmas tree in the dining room. The tree went up on Saturday, November 21. Br. Roy is helping to decorate.**



**Brs. Thomas and Richard adjust some ornaments on the tree in the dining room.**



<b>Donald</b>	<b>George</b>	<b>Brothers</b>	<b>Jerome</b>	<b>Dan</b>
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**A second tree:**



**Brother Jerome Meyer relaxing in the lower rec room after an exhausting hour helping decorate the Christmas tree.**



**The tree by Brother Nicholas Tielman and his helpers in the lower rec room.**





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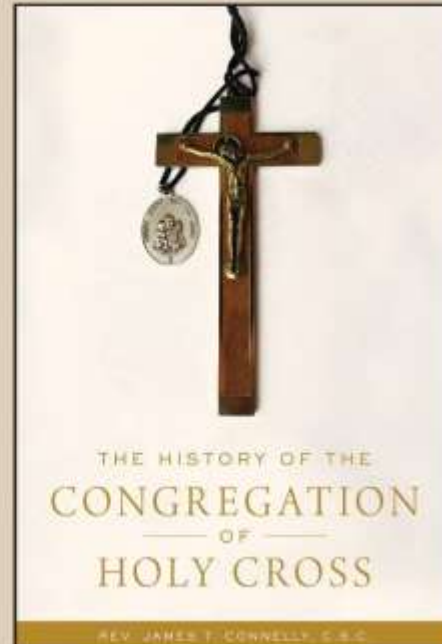
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## Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

### A Time and Place

Dear Associates and Friends,

During this time of pandemic when we are confined to our homes more than usual, there might be a time and place for reflection. There might be time to reflect on our past life and where we are headed. We may ask ourselves if many of our daily actions have at their source a meaningful purpose in line with what God is calling us to be and do.

Another way of looking at this would be to ask ourselves when our life comes to an end, “What do we want to be remembered for?” Probably most of us would say that we have not arrived at that place. We are still a work in progress. We are still searching, we are still on the road to discovering our final destiny – the meaning of our life and that’s OK. God is noticing how we are taking “one small step” at a time. God can make five loaves of bread and two fish feed a thousand. By putting our trust in God, we are able to relax and to know we are in God’s hands and that is enough for us. In this time and in this place we can find the meaning knowing that we are on the way.

- Are you able to take time to reflect on your life?
- Do you find meaning in the everyday experiences of your life?
- Are you content in taking small steps putting your life in God’s hands in order to reach your destiny in life?

**O God, help me find meaning in the small steps I take in  
reaching the significance of my life.**

**Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.**



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## From the *Voice of Moreau Website*

The website features a Holy Cross sister, a brother, and a priest, with a weekly story on the blog. Check the following link below.

Website: <http://www.voiceofmoreau.org/>



**Brother  
Philip  
Smith**



**Brother  
Ben  
Rossi**

## Reflection



**Reflection(s) sent in by  
Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.**

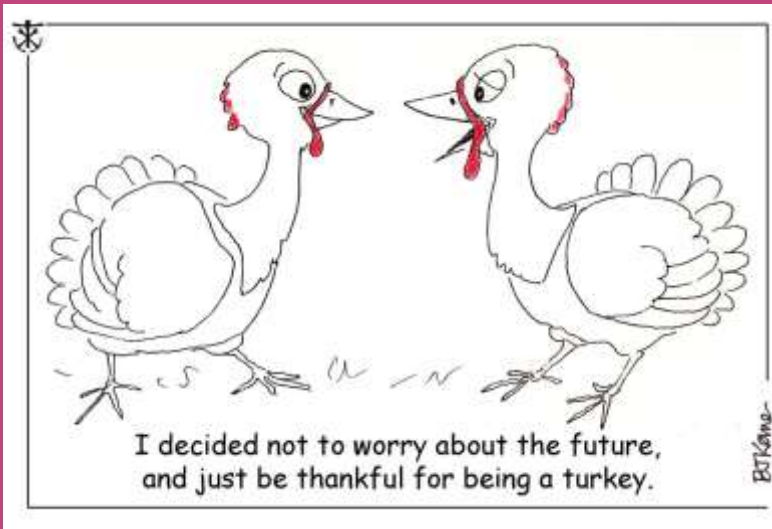


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